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## MISS GARLAND'S KINDERGARTEN.

The Boston Correspondent of a New York  
paper—*The Tribune*, has written an inter-  
esting letter descriptive of a visit to the  
above institution for educating the little  
folk in accordance with the theory of Froe-  
bel. Boston is the headquarters of the  
Kindergarten movement in America, and  
Miss Garland's is said to be the model es-  
tablishment.

Says the above writer, I spent there one  
entire forenoon this week in order to see,  
as thoroughly as might be, what it is to be  
a human flower in a child-garden. Miss  
Garland's hours are from 9:30 a. m. to  
12:30. Her school-year is 36 weeks in du-  
ration, and her terms are \$80 per annum.  
To have a longer school year, she said, was  
of no use, because such families as sent  
their children to her never returned to town  
before October, and some of them had even  
already gone into the country. Three hours  
a day she found quite long enough to keep  
her little people systematically busy; for  
they are every moment of the time.

She takes children of from three to seven.  
She would like to have them the entire four  
years. It is a fundamental theory of the  
kindergarten that no child should ever be-  
gin to learn to read until it is 7 years old,  
and the progress of some children taught on  
this system, when once they begin to study,  
has been truly marvelous. Miss Garland  
has an assistant, and a second school-room,  
where a few of those who have been under  
her care until they were 7 are now devoting  
a small portion of every morning to learn-  
ing to read, and they are so trained in hab-  
its of minute observation and close atten-  
tion that they seem to learn almost at sight.  
Her maximum number is 22; but she ad-  
mits so many only because among such lit-  
tle ones there is seldom a day when all  
would be present. One has a cold, another  
the measles, or another an anxious grand-  
mother, who thinks the weather is too in-  
clement; so that not more than 10 or 18  
are likely to be in school at once, and that  
is as large a number as the true kindergar-  
ten ought to contain.

I wish I could make a picture for you of  
this room and the little people in it. There  
are pictures on the walls, such as Cheney's  
crayon of the Sistine Madonna; on brack-  
ets are graceful busts; bouquets are in  
vase; but above all, there is a  
wealth of green things growing—potted  
plants, in large variety and in a very thrifty  
condition. This idea of growing plants, you  
must understand, is one of Froebel's essen-  
tials. It is good for the body, he thinks to  
tend them; it is good for the soul to love  
and watch them. Each child has one or  
more. His plant is as much his own as  
his cap or his mittens. He waters it—he  
picks off the dead leaves—he turns it to  
ward the sun—he is proud of it beyond  
measure. The children who are present  
each day are allowed, as a favor, to tend the  
plants of the absent; and they do this faith-  
fully and with great delight.

Imagine in this picture-adorned, blossom-  
ing room, a dozen little tots, more or less  
—girls and boys being about equally rep-  
resented. Fancy them seated in little chairs,  
so as not to tire their tiny legs, before long,  
low tables, just about as high as the seat of  
a grown-up person's chair, made of light,  
polished wood, divided by black lines into  
square inches, by which the eyes of the  
children presently become accustomed to  
measure objects. Here they sit for half an  
hour, busy perhaps at building with blocks,  
perhaps at modeling in clay, perhaps at  
folding paper, or drawing, or embroidering  
on cards; for no John or Richard who has  
been trained in a kindergarten will be neces-  
sarily dependent on his wife's caprices as  
regards his buttons. This work goes on for  
half an hour, and then there is half an hour  
of play. But first I must tell you about the  
"occupation," as they call it.

Building with blocks sounds like mere  
fun, doesn't it? but really it exercises these  
little minds very actively. They were given,  
when I was there, a cube, which in Froebel's  
list of "Gifts" is numbered the fourth. It  
is composed of eight wooden oblongs two  
inches in length, an inch wide, and half an  
inch thick. These little oblongs are shaped  
like bricks, you perceive, and with them  
the children are instructed to build. Each  
one must have his own idea, and plenty of  
room is thus given for invention. One built  
a bridge with steps leading up to it, suggest-  
ed by the one in the Public Garden. An-  
other made a Summer-house and explained  
notions of its construction. Another made  
what he called an engine, with the gate to  
shut when the bell rings and the sign-board  
over it. He had a spare oblong and he set  
it up on end and said it was the man to  
tend the gate. Another little fellow, full of  
fun and brightness, made a school-house  
and set a solitary oblong in front of the  
door. "Who is that?" asked Miss Gar-  
land. "That is Elise, coming all alone, as  
she did this morning," he said, laughing.  
Elise was a small maiden, with bright eyes  
and many ruffles, who was usually escorted  
by a nurse, but who had surprised them  
that morning by coming, with the utmost  
dignity, quite alone.  
After this half-hour's "occupation" was  
over, there came half an hour of play.

## THE PLAYS ARE SET TO MUSIC, AND ARE THE MOST ADMIRABLE SYSTEM OF GYMNASICS IMAGINABLE.

Let no one aspire to teach a kinder-  
garten who cannot sing, at least tolerably,  
for the amusement is all accompanied by  
singing. They play mostly ring plays, so  
contrived as thoroughly to exercise the  
muscles, to teach grace of motion, and to  
prepare the little folks for future dancing.  
After half an hour's play comes another  
"occupation." Perhaps it is drawing. For  
this purpose they have peculiar slates,  
grooved into little squares a quarter of an  
inch each way. This aids them to be ac-  
curate in their lines. As they go on the  
slates are changed, the grooves becoming  
less and less deep, until at last they can  
draw as accurately on plain slates as they  
could at first on the grooved ones. Or per-  
haps they weave paper, choosing their own  
combinations of color. Or they model; and  
one little boy had shaped out of clay a  
surprisingly good turtle. Their leaf im-  
pressions in clay were extremely delicate  
and pretty. All the time their attention is  
alert; their habits of close and accurate  
observation are forming, and they are so  
interested in what is going on as to know  
no weariness. They wait on themselves,  
and put away all their implements as soon  
as they have finished using them, with a  
careful orderliness which is in itself an ex-  
cellent training for the future man or wo-  
man. They learn to be independent and  
self helpful.

It is curious to notice the difference in  
condition of "human flowers," as Froebel  
loves to call them, in the different schools  
already in progress in Boston. Miss Garland  
has under her care the hot house blossoms—  
the delicate little fairies who are brought to  
her by their maids or their coachmen, and  
who are clad in purple and blue linen. The  
public kindergarten contains good, hardy,  
native flowers, corresponding with those  
which grow out of doors in our gardens, fed  
by wholesome rain and sun and dew. And  
the two kindergartens which the North End  
Mission has just added to its already noble  
work, are they not full of weeds—poor, little,  
vagrant wayside thistles? Miss Garland  
says her great difficulty is to interest her  
pampered little ones—used to French dolls  
and unlimited bon bons—in the simple  
pleasures of the kindergarten. They are  
accustomed to so much luxury at home that  
the pictures and flowers and little ornaments  
which would be a vision of impossible loveliness  
to some poverty-stricken child, seem to  
them, at first, trivial and of small account.  
But, as soon as their intellects are fully  
awakened, as soon as they have tasted the  
pleasures of observation and invention, she  
has no more trouble. Yet she half seemed  
to envy the teachers of children who were  
not the curled darlings of fortune. "It  
would be so lovely," she said, "to give them  
their first glimpses of beauty and order—to  
open to them the doors of a new world."  
As to the Mission Schools, one of them is  
taught by a Roman Catholic, the other by a  
Protestant; so that for little wayfarers of  
either faith there is congenial welcome.

One cannot go to a kindergarten without  
becoming enthusiastic about the system.  
You see the little creatures so quick, so ob-  
servant, so inventive, and above all, so  
bright, and so happy. "How do you pun-  
ish them?" I asked, "for of course, being  
human children, they are naughty, some-  
times." "They seldom need anything more  
than the mildest reproof," was the answer,  
"but when they do, it's quite sufficient to  
move the offender's chair away from the  
others, and give him a little sense of isola-  
tion."

The general interest in this system is  
rapidly increasing. Four or five other vi-  
sitors were at Miss Garland's when I was  
there, among them a gentleman and his  
wife from Minnesota, who wished to make  
the system useful on the frontier.  
To the almost universal use of this system  
there is, the one sole objection—its expen-  
siveness. People must very thoroughly un-  
derstand the importance of early training  
in order to be willing to pay so much to  
educate their babies. The State not only  
hesitates before one teacher and \$150 worth  
of apparatus for every two dozen scholars,  
but the parents stop to consider at \$80 a  
year for a wee object just out of its cradle;  
but meantime enough are being taught to  
show the worth of the system; and the few  
who have both the sense to perceive its ad-  
vantages and the money to procure them  
are likely to see their reward in the educated  
perceptions of their very young children.

A California writer says summer is not  
the time to visit that region. Tourists  
should come in the early spring. Expecting  
to arrive when nature is at her best in July  
or August, they really reach the country  
when the fierce heat of a tropical sun has  
baked and parched every blade of grass to  
dry hay, cracked the surface of the earth,  
flung a shimmering veil of rarefied air over  
the ocean-like plains of the great valleys,  
and left to the admiration of the traveler  
only the ripe glories of the accomplished  
production: the golden grain, the green and  
purple grapes, the luscious fruits or au-  
tumn. But most travellers cannot choose  
their vacation time, and must go when the  
dog-star reigns or not at all.

## VARIETIES.

On the contrary—riding on a mule.  
The hydrophobia days are come, the mad-  
dest of the year.

It is one of the curiosities of natural his-  
tory that a horse enjoys his food most when  
he hasn't a bit in his mouth.

Fifteen years ago a Washington gentle-  
man scratched his name on a gold dollar  
and sent it on its travels. He has never seen  
it since.

The latest dodge of a San Francisco chi-  
ropodist is to exhibit a small boy and an-  
nounce that he has been successfully removed  
from a corn.

If a man has a right to be proud of any-  
thing it is a good action, done as it ought to  
be, without any rosi suggestions of interest  
lurking at the bottom of it.

James Gray, of Vermont, wrote her: "I  
love you as the tempest loves the placid  
lake," and now she is obliged to send him for  
breach of promise.

Henry thinks the reason the fish didn't  
bite, Saturday, was because he had no bait  
to suit them. He will put a bill of fare on  
his hook next time, and let them call for  
what they want.

"The love that a woman's heart needs is  
the love that is spoken in deeds," says a  
modern poet. Especially, says Mary Jane,  
deeds to a handsome three-story marble-  
front mansion, and a few choice corner lots.

A German Jew was eating a pork chop in  
a thunder-storm. On hearing an unusually  
loud clap, he laid down his knife and fork  
and observed: "Well, did anybody ever hear  
such a fuss about a little piece of pork?"

Medical students are warned not to ask a  
certain Western minister to preach for  
them. He has his text ready. "In his dis-  
eases Asa sought not to the Lord, but to the  
physicians. And Asa slept with his fathers."

One evening at a Paris cafe a group of  
idlers were discussing politics and people  
who change their opinion. "Well," said  
one, "I've never cried 'Long live anybody!'"  
"Quite so," remarked another, "but then  
you're a doctor."

After several years of reflection, I have  
come to the conclusion that the three most  
difficult things in life are—let Carry'n' an  
armful of live eels up a steep hill without  
spilling, an eel; 2d. Acting as a referee at a  
dog fight without getting mad; 3d. Editing  
a newspaper.

A little six-year-old daughter of a Rut-  
land clergyman watched Barnum's Rat-  
land parade with great interest the other day,  
and finally said to her papa: "if I wa'n't a  
minister's little girl I could go to the circus,  
but I suppose I must set an example to the  
whole church now."

We suppose that the proverb that bidders  
shouldn't be choosers, owes its origin to the  
impudent fastidiousness of that class. An  
old lady whose fence in Durham, Conn.,  
had become rather dilapidated, so excited  
the sympathy of a benevolent citizen that he  
determined to build a new one. So he gave  
a load of fence-poles, and others volunteered  
to haul and put them up. When the load  
and the volunteers stopped at the widow's  
door, she ordered both away, volubly and  
sharply declaring that "if she had any fence  
it should be made of slats." She was poor,  
but a pole fence was what she hadn't come  
to yet.

A Washington correspondent of the *Tri-  
bune*, under date of June 10, adds two more  
to the list of White House Weddings, which  
seem to have been overlooked. In 1811,  
Mr. John G. Jackson, a member of Con-  
gress from Virginia, was married in the  
White House to a Miss Todd, of Philadel-  
phia. Another marriage which took at the  
White House in 1826, was that of John  
Adams, the eldest son of the then President  
John Quincy Adams, with his cousin, Miss  
Mary Hellen of Washington. Gen. Ramsey,  
ex-Chief of Ordnance, U. S. A., was one of  
Mr. Adams's groomsmen, and is the author-  
ity for the statement that the ceremony was  
performed by Dr. Hawley of St. John's  
Church, and that the wedding festivities  
were prolonged for a week. The President  
himself, usually so grave and unsocial, an-  
nounced for the nonce, and at the wedding ball  
danced in a Virginia reel with great spirit  
and evident enjoyment. The marriages at  
the White House, therefore, so far as de-  
finitely known, are the following: Mr. John  
G. Jackson and Miss Todd; Mr. B. L.  
Gouverneur and Miss Monroe; Mr. John  
Adams and Miss Hellen; Mons. Pagot and  
Miss Lewis; Mr. Waller and Miss Tyler;  
Mr. Sartoris and Miss Grant.

A VIOLIN OF VALUE.—A violin that cost  
one thousand dollars was sold by auction  
at an executor's sale in Providence a day  
or two since for fifty dollars. It is stated  
that a New York lady who knew its value,  
forwarded six hundred dollars to an agent  
there to procure it; but no one at the  
auction suspected that the dingy, one-  
stringed old fiddle had such marvelous  
possibilities of worth, and the agent se-  
cured it for what the crowd regarded as a  
fancy price. But the instrument had a ped-  
igree unknown to auctioneer, executor, or  
casual bidder.

The Davenport Gazette says a young lady  
who arrived there Saturday from California,  
without a male protector says it is a safe and  
delightful trip for any lady to make alone,  
and as for the male protection, it only makes  
additional trouble, and another to feed out  
of the lunch basket.

The submarine cable between Constan-  
tinople and Odessa has just been successfully  
laid.

